
Introduced by Senator Machado

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An act to add Section 10013 to the Water Code, relating to water.

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SB 672, as introduced, Machado. California Water Plan.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update every 5 years the plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and use of the water resources of the state, known as the California Water Plan.

This bill would require the department to amend the California Water Plan for the purposes of facilitating the development of water projects within each hydrologic region of the state to improve water supplies to meet municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs, as prescribed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 (a) The Department of Water Resources, through its contracts
4 for delivery of water from the State Water Project, has established
5 water entitlement objectives for approximately 4,200,000 acre
6 feet.
7 (b) Municipal, agricultural, and environmental water needs
8 have increased beyond levels anticipated in the California Water
9 Plan.

1 (c) The peace, health, safety, and well-being of the people of
2 the State of California will best be served by employing current
3 and developing water treatment and conservation technologies
4 and by implementing the principles set forth in the Cobey-Porter
5 Saline Water Conservation Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with
6 Section 12945) of Part 6 of Division 6 of the Water Code) to the
7 maximum extent practicable.

8 SEC. 2. Section 10013 is added to the Water Code, to read:

9 10013. (a) The department, as a part of the preparation of the
10 department's Bulletin 160-2003, shall prepare an amendment to
11 the California Water Plan for the purposes of facilitating the
12 development of water projects within each hydrologic region of
13 the state, as described in the department's Bulletin 160-98, to
14 improve water supplies to meet municipal, agricultural, and
15 environmental water needs.

16 (b) For the purposes of carrying out subdivision (a), the
17 department shall include a discussion of the use of technologies to
18 desalt brackish groundwater and ocean water, water reclamation
19 for use within the community generating the water to be reclaimed,
20 the construction of improved potable water treatment facilities so
21 that water from sources determined to be unsuitable can be
22 utilized, and the construction of dual water systems and brine lines
23 particularly in connection with new developments and when
24 replacing water piping in already developed or redeveloped areas.

25 (c) For the purposes of carrying out subdivision (a), the
26 department is encouraged to consult the Governor's office to
27 coordinate with other states and Mexico when addressing those
28 hydrologic regions that share a common regional water supply
29 with those other entities.

30 (d) The department shall also include estimated costs and make
31 recommendations for funding of projects described in the
32 amendment.